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31 MAR 1959

Honorable Emanuel Celler  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
House of Representatives  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Celler:

I have followed with much interest S. 355, a bill to amend the United States Code to prohibit the misuse of names, emblems and insignia by various private organizations to indicate Federal agency. This bill was passed by the Senate with amendments and referred to your Committee for action.

This Agency is not protected from the misuse of its name or initials by private organizations as are the FBI and certain other departments. On at least one occasion a private organization has used the initials "C. I. A." in such a manner that a false impression of Federal relationship could be gained. We have considered requesting specific prohibitions in the United States Code similar to those of the FBI and others. However, it appears that with minor adjustments S. 355 would serve our purposes.

As amended by the Senate Judiciary Committee, S. 355 sufficiently identifies the types of organizations most likely to misuse this Agency's name or initials. However, it does not specifically prohibit the use of initials in such a manner as would convey a false impression of Federal agency. I suggest for your consideration a further amendment of S. 355 so that lines 4 and 5 of page 2 of the bill as passed by the Senate would read as follows:

" . . . 'national', 'Federal', or 'United States', the initials 'U. S. ', or any other initials, or any emblem, insignia, or name, for the purpose of conveying . . . . "

**If you should desire further information on this matter, please do not hesitate to call upon me.**

**The Bureau of the Budget has advised that it has no objection to the submission of this report.**

**Sincerely,**

**s/ John S. Warner**

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